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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN FONMIN TO VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA APRIL 23-26

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1. AUSTRIAN FORNMIN BIELKA SCHEDULED DEPART APRIL 23 FOR PRAGUE VIA BRATISLAVE TO BEGIN THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. VISIT, FIRST OF ITS KIND BY AUSTRIAN FONMIN SINCE WORLD WAR II, IS VIEWED BY GOA AS CONTINUATION OF EFFORT NOW UNDERWAY TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS IN WAKE OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ON CLAIMS AND JOINT INVESTIGATION OF BORDER INCIDENTS, WHICH WERE SIGNED IN LATE 1974.

2. ACCORDING TO MFA CONTAC, GOA PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN GAINING CZECHOSLOVAKIA AGREEMENT ON FORMATION OF JOINT MIXED COMMISSION WHICH WOULD DEAL WITH ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. ENVISAGED IS COMMISSION ALONG SIMILAR LINES OF EXISTING AUSTRIAN-HUNGARIAN COMMISSION WHICH GOA HAS FOUND TO BE VERY USEFUL.

3. OTHER MAJOR ITEM WHICH AUSTRIANS PROPOSE TO RAISE WILL BE BIELKA SUGGESTION, PUT FORWARD RECENTLY AT MEETING OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL, TO BEGIN WORK ON BILATERAL

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AGREEMENTS LOOKING TOWARD IMPLEMENTAION OF PRINCIPLES

(E.G. BROADENING OF CONTACTS), TO BE CONTAINED IN
BASIC CSCE DOCUMENT. AUSTRIANS ALSO EXPECT TO RAISE
QUESTION OF OPENING OF FOUR ADDITIONAL CROSSING
POINTS AND AN AGREEMENT ALLOWING SMALL BORDER TRAFFIC
BUT ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS OF GAINING
GOC AGREEMENT TO THESE TWO PROPOSALS. BUCHANAN

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